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SUMMARY: PRIME MINISTER VORSTER'S OFFER TO COLOREDS OF A CONSULTATIVE CABINET COUNCIL AND REJECTION OF COLORED REPRESENTATION IN WHITE PARLIAMENT WILL NOT SATISFY RISING COLORED DEMANDS FOR FULL RIGHTS OF CITIZENSHIP. END SUMMARY

1. PRIME MINISTER VORSTER OPENED SEVENTH SESSION OF COLOURED PERSONS REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MORNING NOVEMBER 8 WITH MUCH HERALDED SPEECH WITH PROPOSALS MADE IN RESPONSE FOR COLORED DEMANDS FOR RIGHTS OF FULL CITIZENSHIP (REFTEL).

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS, OFFER CONSISTS OF REPLACING CRC LIAISON MACHINERY WITH CONSULTATIVE CABINET COUNCIL MADE UP OF CRC EXECUTIVE AND EQUAL NUMBER OF WHITE CABINE MINISTERS UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF PRIME MINISTER AS MEANS OF GIVING CRC
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EXECUTIVE "POWER TO TAKE ON ITS OWN SHOULDERS FULL RESPONSI-

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BILITY FOR IMPLEMENTING ITS LEGISLATION BY MEANS OF ITS OWN ADMINISTRATION". PRIME MINISTER ALSO PROPOSED THAT COLORED PEOPLE BE GIVEN REPRESENTATION ON WIDE RANGE OF EXISTING BODIES, COUNCILS AND COMMISSIONS. IF COLORED PEOPLE DO NOT FEEL THAT THEIR SHARE OF SOUTH AFRICA'S WEALTH AND PROPERTY WAS COMMENSURATE WITH THEIR OWN CONTRIBUTIONS, GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE IN-DEPTH INVESTIGATION WITH A VIEW TO MAKING SUITABLE FISCAL ARRANGEMENTS - AND INDEED WAS "BUSY WITH STEPS IN THIS REGARD". PRIME MINISTER CALLED ON COLORED PEOPLE TO ACCEPT HAND OF FRIENDSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF GOVERNMENT'S SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT POLICY. HE MADE CLEAR HE DID NOT AGREE TO COLORED REPRESENTATION IN THE WHITE PARLIAMENT.

3. COMMENT: PRIME MINISTER'S PROPOSALS FALL FAR SHORT OF DRAMATIC CHANGES IN RACE RELATIONS ANTICIPATED BY PRESS FROM HIS NIGEL SPEECH (CAPE TOWN 228). THEY MOST CERTAINLY WILL BE REJECTED BY COLORED LEADERS WHO DEMAND THAT COLOREDS BE BROUGHT INTO POLITICAL AND SOCIAL MAINSTREAM (AND ESPECIALLY LABOR PARTY WHOSE LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER WERE ABSENT DURING PRIME MINISTER'S CRC SPEECH). AT SAME TIME PROPOSALS WILL PUT TO TEST SINCERITY OF FEDERAL PARTY'S RECENT REJECTION OF PARALLEL DEVELOPMENT FOR COLORED PEOPLE (CAPE TOWN A-106).
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